

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SPURIOUS MEDICINES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the latest report of ASSOCHAM, the trade of spurious medicines worth more than Rs. 300 crores is running in the National Capital Region (NCR) as reported in the 'Dainik Bhaskar' dated February 11, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether spurious medicines have also been seized in other parts of the country, particularly in Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken against the guilty persons involved in such trade; and
- (f) if so, the details of laboratories for testing spurious drugs, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) and (b): The authenticity of the said report of ASSOCHAM is being verified.
- (c) to (e): As per reports available, counterfeit / fake medicines were seized in UP and Orissa. Statements containing report in respects of action taken in these two States are at Annex-I. Though the Central Government has not received any report in respect of the State of Bihar, the relevant status has been sought from that State which is still awaited.
- (f) Lists of Central and States drug testing laboratories are at Annex II.